STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UTILITIES DIVISION BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: : DOCKET NO. RPU-2016-___

(TF-2016-____)

LIBERTY UTILITIES (MIDSTATES : NATURAL GAS) CORP. D/B/A : LIBERTY UTILITIES :

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF CORPORATE UNDERTAKING

COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Midstates") pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(10)"b" and requests that the Iowa Utility Board ("Board") enter an order approving the attached Corporate Undertaking, and in support of this Motion, Liberty Midstates states as follows:

- 1. On July 25, 2016, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6, Liberty Midstates filed with the Board a request for revision of rates that would increase Liberty Midstates' rates for gas service, on a permanent basis, in the annual amount of \$1 million. As part of that filing the Company has filed a Notice with the Board that Liberty Midstates has elected to exercise its rights pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(10)"b" to implement interim rates on August 4, 2016. This interim increase to Liberty Midstates gas rates is in the annual amount of \$528,569.50.
- 2. In lieu of a bond, the attached Corporate Undertaking is being submitted to the Board with this Motion for Approval in the principal sum of \$528,569.50 which is equal to the amount of temporary relief that Liberty Midstates will implement on August 4, 2016.

WHEREFORE, Liberty Midstates requests that the Board enter an order approving the Corporate Undertaking filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rachel T Rowley

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ATTORNEYS FOR LIBERTY UTILITIES (MIDSTATES NAUTRAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

CORPORATE UNDERTAKING

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Midstates"), a Missouri corporation, is herein formally bound to the Iowa Utilities Board (the "Board") and unto each and all of Liberty Midstates' gas service subscribers in the penal sum of \$528,569.50, covering any and all gas revenues to be billed or collected in excess of the former gas service rates which were in effect prior to August 4, 2016, to the payment of which it binds itself, its successors and assigns, formally by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that:

WHEREAS, Liberty Midstates having filed on July 25, 2016, with the Board appropriate interim tariff revisions changing some of its rates, charges and regulations for services furnished by it and throughout the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, as part of that interim filing, the Board has been notified that the Company has elected to exercise its rights under Iowa Code § 476.6(10) to implement interim rates, on August 4, 2016, increasing Liberty Midstates' gas rates in the annual amount of \$528,569.50 in excess of the former gas rates which were in effect prior to August 4, 2016.

WHEREAS, Liberty Midstates has simultaneously filed a Motion for Approval of a Corporate Undertaking, which requests waiver of bond and authority to file a Corporate Undertaking in lieu thereof to be approved by the Board; said undertaking to be conditioned upon the refund in a manner prescribed by the Board of any amount collected thereunder, together with interest as finally determined by the Board, in excess of the amount which would have been collected under rates, charges, schedules and regulations finally approved by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, Liberty Midstates states its unqualified commitment, in lieu of corporate bond, to make any and all refunds in the event that all or any portion of the interim gas rate changes, made effective on August 4, 2016, is found, upon order of the Iowa Utilities Board, to be excessive. Such refunds, if any, together with interest thereon, will be refunded in a manner prescribed by the Board.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2016.

Attest: <u>/s/ Todd C Wiley</u>

Corporate Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
LIBERTY UTILITIES (MIDSTATES NATURAL GAS) CORP. D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES
By: <u>/s/ Michael D. Beatty</u> Michael D. Beatty, President